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COUNCIL DAY CARE 100
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October 2, 1980

Ms. Denise Jesamari
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Dear Ms. Jesamari:

In September, 1979, the N.I.U.P. Day Care Center came under the sponsorship of the Day Care Coordinating Council, 11 Hill Street, Newark, New Jersey. At that time, we were led to believe that the educational and nutritional Standards of our Center would be greatly improved by the new sponsor. It is our opinion, however, that the present Center does not live up to that belief and in most instances does not exceed the standards of our former sponsors.

We find ourselves gravely concerned with this situation as the Center has not progressed, but has instead deteriorated.

Findings to substantiate this fact are as follows:

1. Qualified Staff members have been relieved of their duties due to lack of funds. We were informed that the Staff members are not being paid and many cannot get to work, as they have no money for transportation.
2. The Center has no dependable food supply. In many instances, the parents are donating food to make up for what is not supplied through the sponsors. We have taken money from our bank accounts to contribute groceries.
3. All proceeds from fund-raising events sponsored by the Parent Group have been turned over to the Council to help repay the State for monies used for food to the Centers.

4. Frequently, during the winter months there was no heat in the building and children could not be sent to the Center
5. In June, we were given a calendar of the trips planned for the summer. Two (2) trips were actually taken. Both times the buses were sponsored by the City of Newark. All other planned events were cancelled, as the Coordinating Council did not have funds for transportation.
6. We are confronted with LACK OF EXTERMINATION of our buildings, screenless windows, leaking roofs and lack of proper maintenance. We are told by our children of the presence of mice and roaches.
7. On September 4, 1980, a portion of our children were relocated to the Seventh Street site. We have been informed that, at present, this location has no food program or heating system.

It has been over a year, and we still do not have adequate facilities for our children. Two (2) separate sites are being maintained for forty-five (45) children. We would like one location for ninety (90) children, as promised.

We, the parents, are requesting that the State of New Jersey take over the sponsorship of our Center. We also request that a meeting be set up by you with Staff members and parents to further discuss this matter.

We want our Day Care Center to continue as a viable organization. We want a situation that will be of the highest standard in both education and nutrition. We have a Staff that basically lives up to the standards we demand, however, we need a sponsor willing to help us achieve these goals.

Any assistance you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
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